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Applicant(s) : Yoshimasa Utsumi  
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 Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Percent extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	12	Minus	20	x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	3	x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$[ ] (---) has been previously paid ☐ or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, having a three-month  
term for response due March 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: